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SUMMARY. DECEMBER ISSUE OF HONG KONG LEFT-WING STUDENT PUBLICATION FEATURES COMMENTS MADE BY VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING TO OVERSEAS CHINESE GROUP ON OCTOBER 2. ALTHOUGH ARTICLE COVERS LITTLE NEW GROUND, TENG'S FORMULATIONS TO THIS TYPE OF GROUP ARE OF INTEREST. TEXT OF ARTICLE BEING SENT TO WASHINGTON VIA FBIS CHANNEL. END SUMMARY.

1. HONG KONG LEFTIST STUDENT MAGAZINE 70'S MONTHLY DECEMBER ISSUE CONTAINS LONG ARTICLE ON MEETING BY TENG HSIAO-PING ON OCTOBER 2 WITH VISITING OVERSEAS CHINESE, FOREIGNERS OF CHINESE DESCENT, AND TAIWANESE COMPATRIOTS, WHO WERE ATTENDING OCTOBER 1 CELEBRATION IN PEKING.

2. TENG PAID LITTLE ATTENTION TO INTERNAL POLITICAL MATTERS. HE INDICATED THAT THE MOVEMENT IS A POWER STRUGGLE BUT NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE KIND WESTERNERS BELIEVE. IT IS A "STRUGGLE BETWEEN

CAPITALISM AND SOCIALISM," WITH LIU SHAO-CHI AND LIN PIAO AS THE "REPRESENTATIVES" OF CAPITALISM. HE THEN EQUATED THE MOVEMENT WITH THE SOVIET'S RETURN TO CAPITALISM AND THE NEED WHICH CHAIRMAN MAO RECOGNIZED TO AVOID CHINA'S SIMILAR BACKSLIDING. STALIN IS DEPICTED AS 30 PERCENT WRONG, BUT 70 PERCENT RIGHT WHILE THE EXCESSES OF THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION (EXAMPLE GIVEN IS BURNING OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY) ARE CONSIDERED "MINOR MISTAKES."

3. TENG EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT LIBERATION OF TAIWAN COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH "PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS." HOWEVER, HE DID NOT RULE OUT CONSIDERATION OF THE "NON-PEACEFUL METHOD" ALTHOUGH "AT THIS STAGE, PRIOR CONSIDERATION IS GIVEN TO THE PEACEFUL METHOD." AS IN HIS STATEMENT TO CANADIAN JOURNALIST DELEGATION ON OCTOBER 1 (PEKING 1708), TENG REFERRED TO THE MORALITY OF CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND CHIANG CHING-KUO. HE THEN CALLED FOR THE "DEVELOPMENT OF PATRIOTIC FORCES" ON TAIWAN, WHICH CAN "PLAY A PART IN BOTH PEACEFUL LIBERATION AND THE NON-PEACEFUL METHOD."

4. TENG WAS QUESTIONED ABOUT POST-LIBERATION TAIWAN. HE REPLIED THAT "MAINLAND POLICIES CANNOT BE IMMEDIATELY TRANSPLANTED" AND GAVE TIBET AS AN EXAMPLE OF A LONG-TERM APPROACH FOR ASSIMILATING TAIWAN INTO CHINA PROPER.

5. ON THE SENKAKUS, TENG IS QUOTED AS SAYING "WE WILL NEVER GIVE UP THIS CHINESE TERRITORY BUT JAPAN ALSO WILL NOT SURRENDER IT." ADMITTING THIS IS A PROBLEM, TENG INDICATES ONLY THAT "THE MOVEMENT TO GUARD TAIYUTAI(SENKAKUS) HAS TO BE CONTINUED." IT IS INTERESTING THAT THE NEXT DAY, TENG TOLD A VISITING JAPANESE GROUP THAT THE PRC WOULD BE WILLING TO SHELVE THE SENKAKU ISSUE DURING NEGOTIATIONS ON A PEACE TREATY (TOKYO 13053).

6. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON OVERSEAS CHINESE RETURNING TO WORK IN CHINA, TENG POINTED OUT THAT CHINA'S LIVING STANDARDS REMAIN LOWER THAN THOSE TO WHICH OVERSEAS CHINESE MIGHT BE ACCUSTOMED AND SUGGESTED THEY MIGHT "PRODUCE GREATER RESULTS WORKING IN FOREIGN LANDS." HOWEVER, TENG REFERRED TO THE POLICY ON OVERSEAS CHINESE PROVIDED TO MALAYSIA AT THE TIME DIPLO-

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MATIC RELATIONS WERE ESTABLISHED, REITERATED THE PRC'S ENCOURAGEMENT OF OVERSEAS CHINESE TO APPLY FOR NATURALIZATION, AND INDICATED THE PRC'S DISAPPROVAL OF DUAL NATIONALITY. FOR THOSE WHO RETAIN CHINESE NATIONALITY, TENG INDICATED THEY SHOULD ABIDE BY LAWS AND CUSTOMS WHERE THEY LIVE.
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